

former) to form a polymer foam (see abstract, column 6, lines 32-38, and column 10, lines 8-18). Clearly, this reference fails to disclose mixing pore former such as low molecular weight oligomer and bioresorbable polymer in an organic solvent.

For at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the cited references fail to disclose all the limitations of claims 1 and 27. Therefore claims 1 and 27 are allowable over the cited references. Insofar as claims 2-26 depend from claim 1, these claims are also allowable.

### CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all pending claims are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with this amendment and response to Office Action. If, however, any fee is believed to be due, you are hereby authorized to charge any such fee to deposit account No. 20-0778.

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